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Sir, and it was said that he was held up at Tiruchirappalli. Later on, now, he has turned up. He could not be here in time. What I wish to impress on the Government is that when the Assembly is in session the Ministers should remain at the headquarters so as to be in the Assembly in time so that this kind of complication could be avoided. The opportunity for putting supplementaries would not have been taken away had the Minister been here in time."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" He has given the reason why he was late. The train came late and nobody could help it. He was on tour not on a week-day but on Sunday which is not a working day. He was expected here this morning but the train came late. Suppose the hon. Member, Mr. Swayamprakasam himself was in that position. Could he have made the train run faster? " (Laughter.)

Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" If at all they want to undertake a tour when the Assembly is in session it must be nearby places and not distant ones. Our anxiety is that they must attend the Assembly in time."

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There was no difficulty about it, Sir. I am sorry that the telegram that I sent you did not reach you in time. I mentioned in that telegram that all my questions might be taken up in the later part of the Question Hour to-day itself."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I have not seen that telegram. Probably it is in the office. Yesterday was a holiday and I do not know anything about it. Even to-day, I came here only ten minutes before eight o'clock. I do not blame the Minister for coming late. He has given a valid reason for coming late.

" Now, I see starred question No. 641 has not been answered. Let it be answered first."

Central Cottage Industries Research Institute.

* 641 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether any Central Cottage Industries Research Institute has been established in this State, in pursuance of G.O. Ms. No. 213, Rural Welfare, dated 27th February 1952?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. One has been established at Madras."

Employment of Tramway workers.

* 613 *Q.*—Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons thrown out of employment as a result of the closure of the Madras Electric Tramways, Limited;

(*b*) the number of them, if any, who were absorbed in Government service;